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*Le secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures au
haut commissaire par intérim en Grande-Bretagne*

*Secretary of State for External Affairs to
Acting High Commissioner in Great Britain*

TELEGRAM 1874

Ottawa, August 16, 1945

Your telegram No. 2317 of August 14th. Reconstruction of Central Committee of UNRRA forecast in your telegram will, if it eventuates, be quite acceptable to the Canadian Government.¹⁸⁵

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*Le président, la délégation à la troisième session du Conseil d'UNRRA,
au sous-secrétaire d'État aux Affaires extérieures*

*Chairman, Delegation to the Third Session of Council of UNRRA,
to Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs*

London, August 25, 1945

Dear Mr. Robertson,

The Third Session of the UNRRA Council terminated with the meeting of August 23rd and the Canadian delegation is now in a position to advise you of what has been accomplished.

Very early in the proceedings it was decided, against the wishes of the USSR, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, that displaced persons who were unlikely to return to their country of origin might receive relief from UNRRA, whether or not the Governments concerned approved of this course. It was recognised that UNRRA could not continue to give relief indefinitely and that eventually the displaced persons who were unwilling to return to their former homes would have to be looked after by the Committee on Refugees. However, UNRRA has a free hand until the next session of the Council.

It was also decided on the initiative of the United States and the United Kingdom that Italy and Austria could be included within the areas in which UNRRA may act. No date was set for the assumption of responsibility by UNRRA in these areas. The United States representative informed the Session that military relief would terminate at the end of August but that the United States had made available \$100,000,000 from Lend Lease funds which should

¹⁸⁵La proposition australienne pour l'addition de trois autres membres au Conseil central n'a pas été acceptée à cette réunion du Conseil d'UNRRA. Voir J. W. Holmes, *The Shaping of Peace: Canada and the Search for World Order, 1943-1957*. volume 1, Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1979, pp. 43-44.

The Australian proposal for the addition of three further members to the Central Committee was not accepted at this meeting of the UNRRA Council. See J. W. Holmes, *The Shaping of Peace: Canada and the Search for World Order, 1943-1957*. Volume 1, Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1979, pp. 43-44.